GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RISE IN PRICES OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of edible oil in the country has been rising due to exorbitant profit being appropriated by the middlemen on import of edible oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the import price of edible oil alongwith the price at which the same is being sold in the market and the profit accruing to the middlemen; and

(c) the remedial steps taken to check excessive profiteering by middlemen?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Department of Consumer Affairs of this Ministry vide notification dated 7.4.2008 have kept in abeyance in respect of purchase, movement, sale, supply, distribution or storage for sale in the Removal of (Licensing Requirements, stock limits and Movement Restriction) on Specified Foodstuffs Order, 2002 for certain commodities including edible oils and edible oilseeds for a period of one year, so as to tackle the present situation in availability and prices of these commodities.